

10 reasons why you should choose Taverham Sixth Form

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Ambition • Integrity •
Compassion • Success



Taverham Sixth Form
One vision. Our passion. Your future.



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Welcome to Taverham High School. I am honoured to introduce myself as the Headteacher of this excellent 11-18 academy serving Taverham as well as neighbouring communities. We are on a journey to become one of the best schools in Norfolk and a school that our local community has pride in.

Underpinning all we do is the excellent relationships between staff, students and parents/carers. Good communication, trust and respect provide the very best basis on which to nurture and develop the unique gifts and talents of our young people. We are fortunate to have first class school buildings providing the very best environment for learning; the opportunities for our students are exceptional.

We seek to develop tenacity, courage and resilience in our young people so that they become independent upstanding members of their community and beyond. We have high expectations of our young people as, not only do we want them to leave as happy and well rounded individuals but with the A-level, GCSE and BTEC qualifications needed for the next stage in their lives.

We aim to work closely with you, as parents or carers, with open lines of communication being of utmost importance. We find there is great strength in the school and parents/carers working together for the benefit of our young people to ensure they reach the best possible outcomes.

Our students are proud of our school, which is a happy, safe and enjoyable place to learn. We also understand the importance of offering a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities to build students' confidence, team-building skills, a thirst for knowledge and love of learning. Our students are our greatest advocates and our biggest assets; without their positive attitude the school would not be the same place.

I hope this prospectus gives you a sense of the school and the opportunities that await your young person. However, to truly gain a feel for our school, I would warmly invite you to visit us, by either calling 01603 860505 or emailing office@taverhamhigh.org. to make an appointment. My team and I would be delighted to meet with you and happy to show you our school and answer any of your questions.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Taverham Sixth Form is a vibrant and exciting place to continue studying and to prepare for the next phase in life beyond GCSE. We are lucky to have excellent dedicated study areas, experienced and supportive staff and a highly motivated student body which allows our students to reach top destinations in Higher Education, work-based training and employment.

Taverham Sixth Form is the perfect size to support students in a community that is friendly and supportive, as well as being large enough to offer a wide variety of courses and educational opportunities. The ethos of the Sixth Form continues from the High School to maintain strong relationships and a sense of real community.

At Taverham Sixth Form we pride ourselves on knowing each student well and developing strong working relationships within our community. Teachers are passionate experts in their subject areas and always provide inspirational and stimulating lessons that engage and enhance students' progress. It is a real privilege to help support students to take their next steps in both their higher education and career.

Being part of our Sixth Form will provide a wealth of experiences and leadership opportunities that will empower our students to become the confident, aspirational young adults that they want to be. We would be delighted to see you at our Sixth Form Open Evening and Induction Days. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information about our Sixth Form or to organise a bespoke tour to help you make that important choice. We look forward to seeing you.

Your Curriculum

At Taverham Sixth Form we offer a diverse range of courses and are able to offer a wide range of subjects at A-level as well as some equivalent BTEC and Cambridge Nationals. In addition, we offer bespoke retakes in GCSE English and Maths for those who just miss out on the important Grade 4 passes in either of these core subjects.

It is key that you consider choices carefully based on individual areas of strength and any future aspirations; in order to support you with this we will advise on possible subject combinations at interview.

It is essential to stress that this is just a guidance tool and should not be seen in any way as a compulsory combination; the Sixth Form Team can offer further informed guidance to any student who would like to investigate this or any other aspect of the Sixth Form at Taverham.

Level 3 Courses

A-levels and the way in which we study for them have changed; they have become a two year linear qualification, with exams at the end of the second year. Each student at Taverham Sixth Form will study three A-levels or a combination of A-levels and BTEC. Should you be interested in studying four A-levels initially then please arrange a time to speak with a member of the Sixth Form Team, either on the Open Evening or contact the Sixth Form Office to arrange an alternate time.

In a subject that you have taken at GCSE and wish to continue a Grade 5 is recommended in this subject. Attitude to learning and attendance at GCSE will be taken into account when looking at progression within a subject.

In essay-based subjects we strongly recommend a Grade 5 in English and in Science based subjects we strongly recommend a Grade 5 in Maths.

Please see the subject specific insert for further details

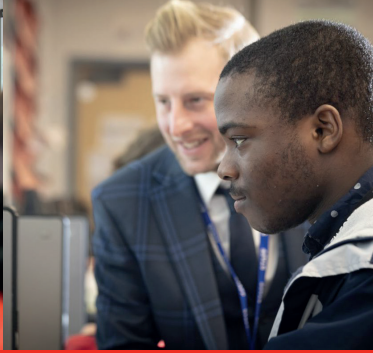
Choose from:

1. Art and Design
2. Biology
3. BTEC Extended Certificate in Sound Engineering (equivalent to 1 A-level)
4. Business Studies
5. Chemistry
6. Classical Civilisation
7. Computer Science
8. Core Maths (1 Year Course)
9. Design Technology (Product Design)
10. Drama and Theatre Studies
11. Economics
12. English Combined
13. English Language
14. English Literature
15. French
16. Further Maths
17. Geography
18. German
19. Health and Social Care Cambridge Technicals L3 (equivalent to 1 A-level)
20. History
21. Maths
22. Media Studies
23. Music

24. Philosophy and Ethics
25. Photography
26. Physical Education
27. Physics
28. Politics
29. Psychology
30. Sociology
31. Spanish

Taverham Sixth Form also offer students the opportunity to study the Level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) which involves individual research and presentation skills. The EPQ is recognised and highly regarded by universities and carries additional UCAS points.

Students who apply will be given a bespoke interview and asked if THS is their first or reserve choice. It is important that we know who is likely to progress onto Sixth Form as we design and build our curriculum to reflect the interests of first choice applicants in order to maximise the number of students who will be able to study their preferred combination of subjects.



1.

Small class sizes, wide range of provision & large choice of subjects

Our wide choice of A-level subjects and small class sizes allow each student to be ambitious in their studies while receiving outstanding support and gaining the confidence to excel.

Our A-levels include subjects such as Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Media and Politics. We build our curriculum each year around our applications to create a bespoke package and offer the subjects which students in that cohort are most interested in studying. We also offer equivalent specialist qualifications such as BTEC Sound Engineering. Students can choose to add to their studies with an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification). All students have a form tutor and, alongside their academic studies, have a choice of enrichment classes and study Character & Culture to prepare them for adulthood at and beyond Sixth Form.

2.

Supportive Teaching & Intervention

We pride ourselves on the relationships we build between staff and students.

These relationships enable our students to thrive academically. We offer high quality teaching and learning which has led to some outstanding results. For the third consecutive year our results have been in the top 20% of the country and half of all A-level subjects performed within the top 10% of the country. Taverham Sixth Form recognises that the transition from GCSE to A-level is challenging and so we have developed a range of interventions that are there to support each and every student in achieving their best grades and reaching their true potential.

3.

Gaining Places at Top Universities & High Quality Apprenticeships

We have an excellent track record of students gaining places at their chosen university or future pathways, underpinned by a wealth of educational trips, links with universities and a comprehensive programme of guidance.

For the last few years our students have been offered places to read at Oxford and Cambridge. In 2022 75% of our Year 13 students received a university offer. Other students have secured employment and higher-level apprenticeships with prestige companies including Grant Thornton, Bentley Motors and Larkin Gowen. Students have the opportunity to be part of Zero Gravity, a free digital mentoring platform that identifies high potential talent across the UK and propels students into world-class universities and careers. Students also progress into the armed forces and professions such as the police force.

4.

The Sixth Form Leadership Team & Pastoral Support

Taverham Sixth Form is part of a wider school community and part of this includes us ensuring that all our students feel fully supported in all aspects of their school life.

Wellbeing, developing cultural capital and a positive learning mindset are embedded in our tutor programme. The Sixth Form Team are there to support, guide and advise on both academic and the wider aspects of school life. Alongside the Head of Sixth Form there is an Enrichment Coordinator and full time Administrator to support all aspects of students' time at Sixth Form. For our students who need a little support our dedicated ACE team work closely with the Sixth Form Team and have forged links with the Matthew Project and other outside agencies.

5.

Outstanding Facilities & Study Space

A dedicated Sixth Form Study Centre incorporating study and social areas, computer facilities and the Sixth Form offices. Our single site allows all students to have access to excellent facilities including:

- Wi-Fi access so students may bring their own devices to aid their learning.
- Designated computer clusters to allow students to research and complete their assignments.
- Sixth Formers have their own social space in the Common Room where they are able to make themselves food or purchase refreshments from the vending machines.
- The Study Centre includes a Sixth Form Library, which has a range of Sixth Form specific resources, including an online archive of journals and reviews.
- The school dining area and atrium area are open to Sixth Formers throughout the school day if they want to work collaboratively and discuss work.
- A wide range of sporting facilities.
- An outside seating and work area for students.
- Recording studio.

6.

Opportunities to Lead & Contribute

Every student has the chance to contribute to the wider school community, with an abundance of leadership roles on offer.

We have a diverse range of leadership opportunities within Taverham Sixth Form. This includes an active Sixth Form Committee comprised of our school leaders: Heads of School and Deputies, Heads of Committees such as student voice and fundraising plus Subject Leads. Within Year 12 we have leaders in STEM, sport and music. Our STEM and Medic Societies were established and are led by students for students.

7.

Enrichment, Open Minds & Academic Lectures

We offer a varied carousel programme of enrichment at Taverham Sixth Form led by our Sixth Form Enrichment Coordinator.

Enrichment lessons are timetabled and activities include participating and leading sporting activities, cooking, film club and student support. During enrichment lessons students may also seek voluntary experience in the community and there are a plethora of trips and visits which bring 'learning to life'. Previous trips include visits to Berlin, New York, the Old Bailey, Warner Bros. Studio and the Guardian. Students are also offered the opportunity to attend conferences, visit the theatre, and visit universities for seminars, application preparation days and open days.

Open Minds is a discussion forum for staff and students. It is part of the form tutor programme and takes place during lunchtime and form time. This is an informal setting in which a variety of topics are discussed. We host visiting academics from top institutions as well as employers from the business community. In addition to this we embrace outreach opportunities such as seminars, summer schools and conferences at our local universities.

We are passionate about developing skills that enable students to communicate confidently. We are proud of the impact these sessions can have on students.



8.

Community

We believe it is essential that learning within Sixth Form extends beyond the classroom.

The Sixth Form take a leading role in the school community and students are seen as role models to younger students. The sense of community within the Sixth Form is epitomised by RAGFEST, an annual fundraising week led by Sixth Form students. Each year students select a charitable cause and plan a programme of activities to raise money for that cause. Since starting RAGFEST we have raised in total over £40,000 for charitable causes. Ofsted described our RAGFEST led by our Sixth Form as 'most impressive' as we succeeded in raising an 'astonishing amount of money'. Even when our students move on to their next pathway we maintain contact and involvement via our Alumni events.

9.

Financial Support

Taverham Sixth Form offers bursaries to students to support them with their studies and participation in school and events.

Students have the flexibility to use this fund for transport, ICT provision, study materials, trips and visits and supporting applications to university and apprenticeships.

10.

A Passion To Build Your Future

We are very proud of our caring, small Sixth form community that provides students with the resources, expertise and opportunity to make the most of their futures.

At Taverham we really get to know our students and their interests, to support them in achieving their best so they can discover and access their chosen destinations. Our community feel is reinforced, not just by our charity work but also by our listening approach and our constant adaptations to the changing needs of students. We are just the right size to offer the range of courses we do, whilst retaining smaller class sizes and a sense of community. We hope to welcome you to our Sixth Form in the future.

How to apply

We look forward to receiving your application. To make an application visit www.helpyouchoose.org to apply online.

Alternatively an application is available to collect from the Sixth Form Office or can be downloaded from the school website. Applications can either be emailed to 6thform@taverhamhigh.org or returned by hand or post, addressed to Ms Frances Higson.

Once an application has been received, students will be invited to an interview, a crucial part of the application process, during which course choices and appropriate combinations will be discussed. Any offers of a place made following the interview are always provisional on GCSEs achieved.

“Sixth form students benefit from teaching that is closely tailored to their needs.” *Ofsted Report 2023*

“Teachers provide tailored and individualised guidance that support sixth form students to achieve well.” *Ofsted Report 2023*

“Students take responsibility for managing their own behaviour and are respectful and tolerant.” *Ofsted Report 2023*



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